

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims which are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined, and also to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee. Please enter the amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

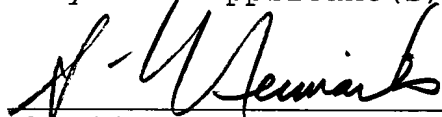
The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicants respectfully reserving their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of all multi-dependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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